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Appl. No. 09/595,420***Amendments to the Specification***

Please replace the paragraph on page 15, lines 15-28 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

A preferred embodiment of the invention, in which the module unit according to the invention is made as a replaceable cartridge, is illustrated by figures 5a-5d. In particular, there is illustrated a sequence of images on the basis of which a typical operating cycle of the proposed system is shown. In these Figures, similar components are identified using common reference numerals. Figure 5a illustrates a cartridge 70, which is integrated in a supply system (not illustrated here in closer detail) for a microchip. The supply lines (conduits) of the supply system are fed to outside by means of an appropriate contact electrode array 71, in which context this electrode array is designed in the specification example shown here as an interchangeable contact plate 71, which may, for example, be made of ceramics or polymeric materials, e.g., Teflon® material, a registered trademark of E.I. duPont de Nemours and Company, or polyimide. Using an internal basic supply system for the entire handling system (also not illustrated here), the cartridge is connected via plug-in connections 72 which interact with corresponding opposite components envisaged in the second module, in the normal way, and which activate the corresponding contact connections when the cartridge is plugged into the module.